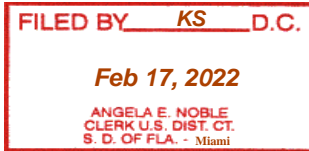


22-mj-2244-TORRES



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CASE NO. 8:22 cr 39 CEH-TBW

46 U.S.C. § 70503(a)

46 U.S.C. § 70506(a) and (b)

CARLOS MERO MERO,
SIMON ARCENTALES CASTRO, and
ELVIS EDIEL LOPEZ BATRES

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE

Beginning on an unknown date and continuing through and including on or about January 7, 2022, in the Middle District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendants,

CARLOS MERO MERO,
SIMON ARCENTALES CASTRO, and
ELVIS EDIEL LOPEZ BATRES,

did knowingly and intentionally conspire with other persons, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, which violation involved five (5) kilograms or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, while upon the high seas on board a vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and is therefore punished under 46 U.S.C. §§ 70503(a) and 70506(a) and (b).

All in violation of 46 U.S.C. §§ 70503(a) and 70506(a) and (b), and 21 U.S.C. § 960(b)(1)(B)(ii).

COUNT TWO

Beginning on an unknown date and continuing through and including on or about January 7, 2022, in the Middle District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendants,

CARLOS MERO MERO,
SIMON ARCENTALES CASTRO, and
ELVIS EDIEL LOPEZ BATRES,

did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, which violation involved five (5) kilograms or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, while upon the high seas on board a vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and is therefore punished under 46 U.S.C. §§ 70503(a) and 70506(a).

All in violation of 46 U.S.C. §§ 70503(a) and 70506(a), 21 U.S.C. § 960(b)(1)(B)(ii), and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

FORFEITURE

1. The allegations contained in Counts One and Two of this Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging

forfeitures pursuant to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. §§ 853 and 881, 46 U.S.C. § 70507, and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

2. Upon their conviction of any of the violations alleged in Counts One or Two of this Indictment, in violation of 46 U.S.C. § 70503, the defendants,

CARLOS MERO MERO,
SIMON ARCENTALES CASTRO, and
ELVIS EDIEL LOPEZ BATRES,

shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. § 70507, 21 U.S.C. § 881(a), and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), any and all property described in 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(1) through (11) that was used or intended for use to commit, or facilitate the commission of, such offenses.

3. Upon their conviction of any of the violations alleged in Counts One or Two of this Indictment, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 960, the defendants,

CARLOS MERO MERO,
SIMON ARCENTALES CASTRO, and
ELVIS EDIEL LOPEZ BATRES,

shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853, any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of such offense and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, the offense.

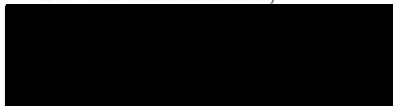
4. If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with a third party;

- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or,
- e. has been commingled with other property, which cannot be divided without difficulty;

the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property under the provision of 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), directly and as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

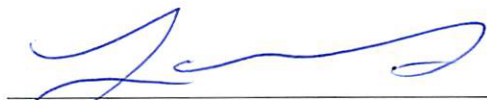
A TRUE BILL,



Foreperson

ROGER B. HANDBERG
United States Attorney

By:



Lauren N. Stoia
Assistant United States Attorney

By:



Joseph K. Ruddy
Assistant United States Attorney
Chief, Transnational Organized Crime Section

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Middle District of Florida

Tampa Division

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

CARLOS MERO MERO,
SIMON ARCENTALES CASTRO, and
ELVIS EDIEL LOPEZ BATRES

INDICTMENT

Violations: 46 U.S.C. §§ 70503(a) and 70506(a) & (b)

A true bill,



Foreperson

Filed in open court this 27th day of January 2022.

Clerk

Bail \$ _____

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Middle District of Florida

United States of America

v.

Carlos Mero Mero

Defendant

Case No. 8:22-cr-39 CEH-TBW

ARREST WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring before a United States magistrate judge without unnecessary delay(name of person to be arrested) Carlos Mero Mero,

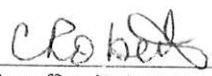
who is accused of an offense or violation based on the following document filed with the court:

- ☒ Indictment ☐ Superseding Indictment ☐ Information ☐ Superseding Information ☐ Complaint
☐ Probation Violation Petition ☐ Supervised Release Violation Petition ☐ Violation Notice ☐ Order of the Court

This offense is briefly described as follows:

Conspiracy with intent to distribute five (5) kilograms or more of cocaine while on board a vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and possession with intent to distribute five (5) kilograms or more of cocaine, while on board a vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

In violation of: 46 U.S.C. §§ 70503(a) and 70506(a) and (b)

Date: 1/28/2022

 Issuing officer's signature
City and state: Tampa, Florida

ELIZABETH WARREN, Clerk, United States District Court

Printed name and title

Return

This warrant was received on (date) _____, and the person was arrested on (date) _____
 at (city and state) _____.

Date: _____

 Arresting officer's signature

 Printed name and title

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Middle District of FloridaUnited States of America
v.

Simon Arcentales Castro

Defendant

Case No. 8:22 cr 39 CEH-TGW

ARREST WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring before a United States magistrate judge without unnecessary delay(name of person to be arrested) Simon Arcentales Castro,

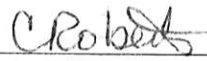
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In violation of: 46 U.S.C. §§ 70503(a) and 70506(a) and (b)

Date: 1/28/2022

 Issuing officer's signature
City and state: Tampa, Florida

ELIZABETH WARREN, Clerk, United States District Court

Printed name and title

Return

This warrant was received on (date) _____, and the person was arrested on (date) _____
 at (city and state) _____.

Date: _____

 Arresting officer's signature

 Printed name and title

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Middle District of Florida

United States of America
v.

Elvis Ediel Lopez Batres

Defendant

Case No. 8:22 cr 39 CEH-TGW

ARREST WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring before a United States magistrate judge without unnecessary delay

(name of person to be arrested) Elvis Ediel Lopez Batres,

who is accused of an offense or violation based on the following document filed with the court:

- ☒ Indictment ☐ Superseding Indictment ☐ Information ☐ Superseding Information ☐ Complaint
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In violation of: 46 U.S.C. §§ 70503(a) and 70506(a) and (b)

Date: 11/28/2022

Elizabeth Warren
Issuing officer's signature

City and state: Tampa, Florida

ELIZABETH WARREN, Clerk, United States District Court
Printed name and title

Return

This warrant was received on (date) _____, and the person was arrested on (date) _____
at (city and state) _____.

Date: _____

Arresting officer's signature

Printed name and title